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**PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE MAN SENTENCED FOR BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A  
FIREARM AND POSSESSION OF A STOLEN FIREARM**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Boston Field Office William J. Hoover, and Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka today announced that Dennis McKenna, 27, of Claremont, New Hampshire, was sentenced to 84 months in prison by the United States District Court, Concord, New Hampshire, after pleading guilty to one count of being a Felon in Possession and one count of Possession of a Stolen Firearm.

The Court recommended, at the request of the government and defense, that McKenna participate in the Intensive Drug Program administered by the Bureau of Prisons. McKenna was also placed on supervised release for three years. The term of supervised release begins after he is released from prison and, during that period, McKenna's behavior will be monitored by the United States Probation Office.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "Keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of criminals is an important goal of Project Safe Neighborhoods."

The case was prosecuted as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal program to reduce gun violence in New Hampshire by aggressive investigation and prosecution of firearm offenders, education of the public and training of law enforcement officers about firearm laws.

The case was investigated by the Manchester Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Debra M. Walsh.